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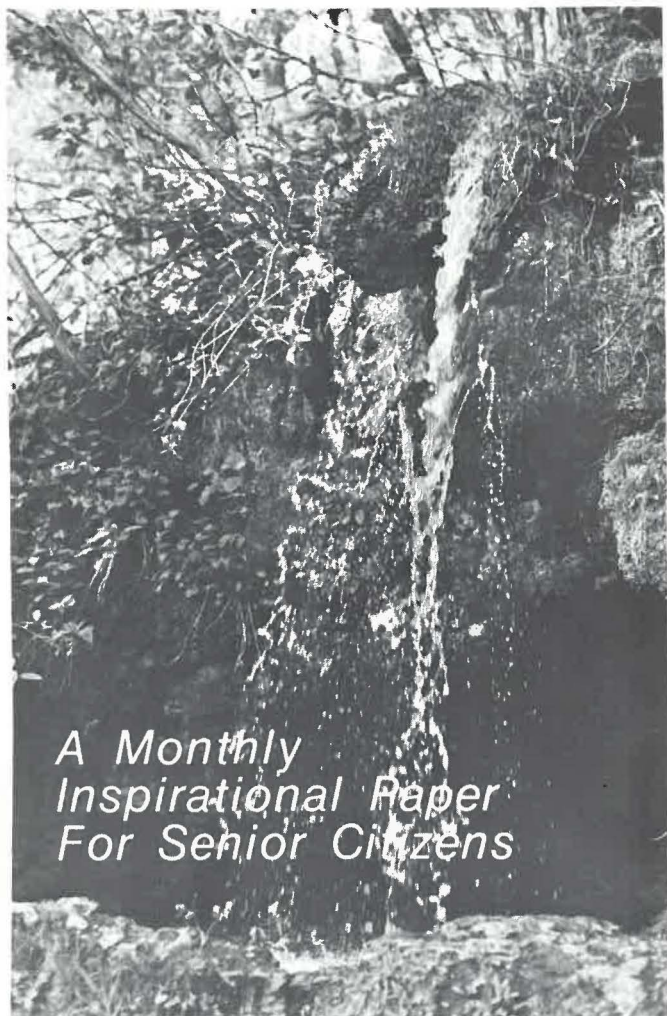
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# Winning Over Worry..

## Today & Tomorrow

by  
Dr. Lehman Strauss

Our Lord concluded His teaching about worry with the following words - "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:34). This verse suggests one of the common causes of worry, namely, concern about the future. Jesus says plainly that we should not worry about tomorrow. All along He has been talking about the necessities of life, food, water and clothing. Here He presses upon us the fact that we should not focus our concern today upon tomorrow's needs.

Two days are mentioned here, today and tomorrow. If we want victory over worry today we dare not be anxious about tomorrow. Tomorrow is future, and because it is future we have no way of getting a hold upon it; no amount of worry can control it. All future belongs to God because He only knows the future and can control it. The person who worries about the future will soon learn that tomorrow's trials can tear one apart today. Each day has its own troubles, so don't concentrate on the troubles of tomorrow. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil (trials, or troubles) thereof." Today only belongs to us. All the tomorrows are God's exclusive property. Today's problems will not tear you to pieces because you can see them and lay hold of them and grapple with them. To worry about tomorrow is to waste valuable energy that can be used today. Don't worry about tomorrow because tomorrow will take care of itself.

In our Lord's discussion about worry He does not object to our making plans for tomorrow. What He does object to is worrying about tomorrow. Elsewhere in the Bible the proper

kind of planning is encouraged, and when the Christian faces tomorrow God's way, it will never tear him to pieces.

The Apostle James left with us a good word as to how we should plan for tomorrow. He says, "Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that" (James 4:13-15).

James is making several good points. The first point he brings up is the foolishness of making plans a year in advance because none of us know what tomorrow will be like. You may wake up tomorrow to discover that during the night a disaster completely wrecked your plans. Moreover, you may not wake up at all tomorrow. You are like a vapor that appears for a little while and then disappears. You are here today and gone tomorrow. You can see his method of reasoning. Give it your serious thinking.

Another good point James makes is how you ought to plan. He is not discouraging planning for the future, but he is saying there is a right way to plan. The right way is free of worry. Here it is in verse 15 - "Ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this or that." Now you can see the wisdom in this kind of planning. It is planning without worry because it takes God into account. It recognizes that both your life and the future are in God's hands. What you are doing is laying your plans before God for His approval or disapproval. The only way for a Christian to look forward to tomorrow is to place himself completely in God's hands and to desire God's will. This kind of planning will never tear you to pieces.

Now you have made the best plans you know how to make. You have laid them before the Lord. In so doing you have locked the door on worry. You can proceed now to use your energy today in faithful and fruitful service for the Lord Jesus Christ. Set your mind on things positive and worthwhile today, then you won't be worrying about tomorrow.



# REFLECTIONS of FAITH

*edited by  
Kathy Jo Kirkbride*

## **On A Summer's Day**

Take a walk on a summer's day.

Look anew at God's creation:

The colors of a rainbow after a shower,  
The trout splashing in a stream,  
A brief glimpse of a deer in flight,  
The soaring of an eagle or the chirping of a sparrow.

Hear again the voices of nature:

The music of a babbling brook,  
The wind in the trees singing sweet harmony,  
The sigh of the grass swept by a cooling breeze,  
The scolding of a bush-tailed squirrel.

The sights and sounds that greet the eye and ear,  
As one wanders in forest and glade,  
Is the warmth of promise that is found  
In one of God's summer days.

*Kathy J. Kirkbride*

## **A Quiet Walk**

Just a quiet walk  
Through the fields today,  
To see the beautiful flowers  
All along the way.

The wild rose that's blooming  
Over on the hillside,  
The yellow painted daisy  
That grows by its side.

Such beautiful flowers—  
We know God put them there;  
And they, like His children,  
Are all in His care.

*Carrie Bartlett*



## Liberty In Christ

In pre-Civil War days, two travelers asked an aged, illiterate slave a few questions in order to amuse themselves. They had just come to a fork in the road, and there was a sign post that said, "Liberty, forty miles." They asked the old slave how old he was. "I guess I'se about eighty." "Can you read?" "No, sah." "Can you tell us what is on the sign post?" "Yes, it says forty miles to Liberty." "Well, now," said the travelers, "why don't you follow that road and get your liberty? It says there are only forty miles to Liberty. Why don't you take the road and go there?" The old man's countenance changed and he said, "That's a sham, young man, but if it pointed up there" and he raised his trembling hand toward heaven; "to the liberty we have when Christ makes us free, it wouldn't be a sham." The old black man, though uneducated, had experienced a liberty in his own soul of which many well-trained well-taught Christians know very little.

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free... If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:31, 32, 36).

Walking along the street, a man stopped to talk with a friend. One man asked the other, "Have you heard the sad news?" He then went on to say, "One of our richest, most cultured citizens is dead. He died very suddenly and had to leave all behind—home, friends, riches, and fame." The other man, a Christian, said, "Oh, no, not ALL, for the very thing he could have left behind, he was compelled to take along. He had to take *his sins*. Since Christ had not "taken" them in saving grace, he had to take them to the judgement." There is no liberty or freedom for one who lives and dies like that. Friend, before we die and meet God, let's be sure we have trusted the Saviour who died to pay for our sins and set us free. The Bible says, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:5,6).

THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET, AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH.

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Cor. 5:21).

"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

Almost every page in the Word of God says, "There is liberty in Christ. He took our sins when He died and arose!" Why then, do you live in bondage and despair when you can trust Him and be free?

## Let's Chatter

edited by  
Cathi Fennemore

About a Matter

As the time for Father's Day approaches, the following poem was brought to the attention of the *Living Springs* staff. We would like to share it with all our readers.

LIKE FATHER . . . Like Son

A teardrop crept into my eye as I knelt on bended knee:

Next to a golden haired tiny lad whose age was just past three.

He prayed with such simplicity, "Please make me big and strong,  
Just like Daddy, don't you see? Watch o'er me all night long."

"Jesus, make me tall and brave, like my Daddy next to me."

This simple prayer he prayed tonight filled my heart with humility.

As I heard his voice so wee and small offer his prayer to God,

I thought, "these little footsteps someday my path may trod!"

Oh, Lord, as I turn my eyes above and guidance ask from Thee,  
Keep my walk ever straight for the little feet that follow me.

Buoy me when I stumble, and lift me when I fail,  
Guard this tiny bit of boy as he travels down life's trail.

Make me what he thinks I am is my humble gracious plea;  
Help me ever be the man this small lad sees in me!

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# Servants

e Randall

He has worked with the ushers for several years and helps with special events such as missionary conferences. He enjoys using his talents in the area of repairs and maintenance as he has some extra time. He also does much for his local Christian School in the way of painting, yard work, driving a school bus, and doing special things to help out the teachers. Just recently he completed an old-fashioned cradle in his workshop for one of the teachers whose wife is expecting their first child. Larry and his wife also enjoy working in the outreach program at church, visiting people who have just moved in the area and inviting them to church.

But Larry doesn't spend all of his time at the church. He often stays home and helps his wife, or works in his garden, or finishes up a project in his workshop. Wherever he is, Larry wants to serve the Lord. And what better way to serve Him than by loving and helping others.

Mr. Dean is not alone in his desire to serve the Lord. He has a good wife, two daughters, and five grandchildren who also love the Lord and are looking forward to serving Him in whatever ways they can.

Larry is happy serving the Lord and is glad that there are so many things he can do to keep busy. His mother once told him - "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." He surely doesn't have a problem with that!

## ie Month:

worketh in you both to  
d pleasure." Philippians

## Note Worthy

by

Keith A. Wharton

Sabine Baring-Gould was born in Exeter, England in 1834. He was educated at Clare College in Cambridge, and soon became the minister of the Established Church at Horgurg-Brig, Yorkshire. On Whitmonday in 1865, the children of his village were to make a trip to the adjoining village for a Sunday school rally. Baring-Gould stayed up half the night before the event writing a hymn which could be sung as the children marched. The finished product, which has been sung in much of the English speaking world, is "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Objection has sometimes been raised against the hymn because of its martial spirit. However, the New Testament is replete with analogies comparing the Christian to a soldier. In the sixth chapter of Ephesians, Paul admonishes us to "put on the whole armour of God." Paul also exhorts Timothy to "war a good warfare."

Hymns of this type serve to remind the Christian that he is not to sit with his hands folded and sing his way into paradise. The church has a large task ahead of it in implementing biblical principles in this world, and now is not the time for immobility. The third verse of this hymn is a strong reminder to the followers of Christ that the church will ultimately triumph because "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it":

Crowns and thorns may perish, kingdoms rise  
and wane,

But the church of Jesus constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that church  
prevail;

We have Christ's own promise, and that  
cannot fail.

## Thought For The Month

"When you trust God to control the shuttle of circumstances, all of life becomes a wonderful tapestry."

## Daily Walk Through God's Word

June 1980

Bible Verse: Ephesians 4:32

"And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

June	Morning	Evening
	I Corinthians	Numbers
1	1	7
2	2 & 3	8 & 9
3	4 & 5	10 & 11
4	6	12 & 13
5	7	14
6	8 & 9	15
7	10	16
8	11	17 & 18
9	12	19 & 20
10	13	21
11	14	22
12	15	23
13	16	24 & 25
	II Corinthians	
14	1	26
15	2 & 3	27 & 28
16	4 & 5	29 & 30
17	6 & 7	31
18	8	32
19	9 & 10	33
20	11	34
21	12 & 13	35 & 36
	Galatians	Deuteronomy
22	1 & 2	1
23	3 & 4	2
24	5 & 6	3
	Ephesians	
25	1	4
26	2	5
27	3	6 & 7
28	4	8 & 9
29	5	10 & 11
30	6	12

by Michel

Born August 15, 1916, Lawrence (Larry) Dean was raised in a Christian home. His father, a dedicated pastor, did his best to raise his children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. In their regular family devotions they learned the fear of the Lord - so well that they were afraid to do wrong.

However, after leaving home, Larry was in and out of fellowship with God a lot. One day in 1952 God showed Larry that He did not want him to be this way: He wanted Larry to read and obey the Word. Larry felt convicted and began to pray. Even though it was night, the room seemed to light up as though the sun were shining.

Since that time, Larry has done his best to do what he feels God wants him to do. And God has blessed. Larry started working for \$8.00 a week and ended up owning the business and retiring at age 55.

Larry has always been active in the church and has participated in several missionary endeavors. He spent some time in Haiti on a witnessing crusade and then again on a work crusade. He is also a member of the Men for Missions (Columbus, Ohio), and has served as Chairman on this international, nondenominational mission council for a great deal of its existence. He is also a member of the Gideons, placing testaments in schools and hotels, as well as visiting with prison inmates.

Verse For T

"For it is God which will and to do of his good pleasure"  
2:13



# O That I Had Wings Like A Dove

Psalm 55

by  
Paul Sewell



How do you react when trials come your way? How do you handle disappointments and discouragement? The reality of life's burdens can sometimes be emotionally shattering, but they are not totally defeating. The born-again Christian is subject to trials just as the unbeliever is. Therefore, the way in which we as Christians respond greatly determines the direction of our faith and also reveals the power of our prayer life.

The psalmist David experienced various trials of varied circumstances and results. Psalm fifty-five develops one of David's most devastating trials. The source of David's burden came as the result of being deserted by his own son amidst the terror of battle. His enemies were mighty, and David experienced the feeling of being left all alone. He digressed in his own pity and became completely isolated from God and the love of his companions.

How often do we become smothered in our own self-pity and depression because of circumstances? David allowed circumstances to blind his direction of trust, and he cried in despair, "O that I had wings like a dove. For then would I fly away and be at rest." The weight of his burden drove David into seclusion. He sought for the wings of a dove, a universal symbol of peace.

The Christian is subject to trials above those of an unbeliever. The Christian, however, can instrumentalize his faith in times of trials. The dove is a symbol of peace because of its endurance and freeness in flight. David wished to fly away from his problems. He wanted peace from inner turmoil. The wings of a dove would

bring temporary peace, but the problems and burdens would still exist. David sought for wings of peace when he should enacted upon the wings of faith.

David put too much faith in materialism and not enough faith and confidence in the almighty power of his Lord. Erling C. Olson, a great Bible conference speaker and radio preacher, once proclaimed, "If your confidence is placed in God, you will never be disappointed." When we as Christians run away from problems, we only put ourselves further from the solution of those problems. That solution rests in the power of our prayer life.

Realizing the power of prayer, David succumbed to the highest plateau of strength. He dedicated himself to constant prayer after realizing the weakness of his own flesh. David's prayer in the time of need was his only avenue for escape. David concludes his prayer by submitting an absolute solution, that of totally casting his burden upon the Lord. Why should we as Christians rest upon the material help of a God-forsaking society? God promises to each Christian a sustaining bridge across the valley of trials and burdens. The wings of a dove present peace or relief for a short time, but the wings of faith can give to the born-again Christian an escape from seclusion, disappointments, and pain for eternity.

As Christians, we are not exempt from trials. The source of our burdens will tell us where our faith rests, and God's solution to burdens will give rest to our faith. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee. He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved" Psalm 55:22.



# Quizzle by Larry Lim

## Triple Cross:

Below are listed twelve kings of Israel and/or Judah, and the number of letters in their names. The object is to place each name in its proper position. However, there is a catch: only *one* of three names in a category (e.g. - 5-letter names) will fit in a particular spot if the puzzle is to fit together.

### 5-letter names

David  
Joash  
Pekah

### 7-letter names

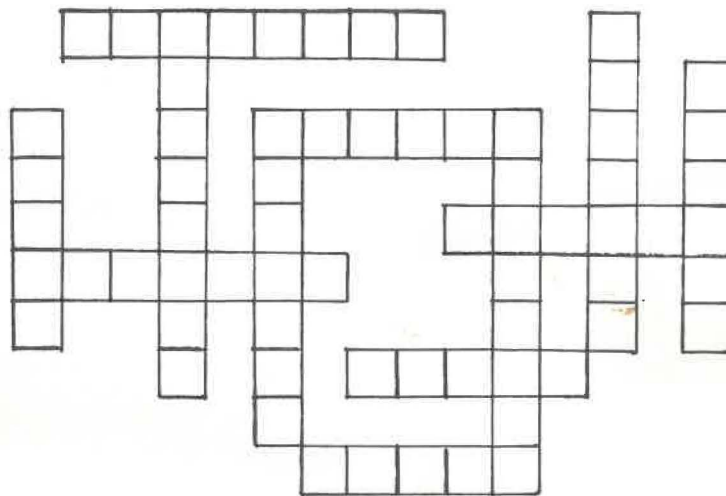
Ahaziah  
Jehoram  
Solomon

### 6-letter names

Josiah  
Jotham  
Uzziah

### 8-letter names

Hezekiah  
Jereboam  
Rehoboam



## Looking At God's Creation

by  
Sharon Lahaie

In Psalm 17:8 David cries out to God to "keep me as the apple of the eye." That phrase is a frequent expression of tenderness in the Old Testament for that which is dearest or most precious and therefore guarded with special care. It refers to the pupil of the eye.

The pupil is the most important part of the eye as it allows light to enter and the image observed is then focused within the eye itself. Should anything cause injury to it, one would become blind.

God has seen fit to protect this delicate organ in many ways. We have the *eyebrow* which prevents moisture from the brow from running into the eye, the *eyelash* which acts as a protective screen keeping foreign objects out, the *eyelid* which continually lubricates the surface of the eye by blinking and also protects the eye from injury, and the *cornea* which contains sensitive nerves which warn when foreign particles enter. The eye is entrenched deeply in the *skull*, surrounded by the *forehead*



and *cheekbones*, and is placed where the *hands* can best protect it.

Just as the eye has many safeguards, so God daily protects His own from many dangers and temptations about which we never know.

Our eyesight is our most valuable sense and we take great care to protect it. God takes just as much care to protect us. It is when we are in the midst of His love that we are the safest,

because we are precious to Him and He will preserve us.

The eye is terribly sensitive to pain and reacts accordingly. God also is sensitive to His people. "He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye" (Zechariah 2:8). The smallest hurt or trouble we experience God feels deeply, even more than we ourselves.

When we look into the eye of another, we see a reflection of ourselves. God always carries a picture of us in His eye. He is always thinking about us, caring for us, and loving us. May each of us be kept as the "apple of His eye".

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*But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

*John 4:14*

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